

## Mayor's Message – September 2017

When the kids head back to school, it seems that summer is over. Although the weather is still very warm, there are signs that fall is going to be here soon.

Here at the city, our employees are always busy, but the extended days and warm weather seem to push all of our services to the limit. From providing summer recreation programs to starting and completing road projects, summer is the time to accomplish as much as possible. As the saying goes, “make hay while the sun shines.” This saying is hundreds of years old, and through the years, it has evolved to mean: take advantage of the situation before it slips away. That’s what we are doing; here are a few of items we’ve worked on this summer.

- Completed the Murray Amphitheater remodel project. The Ribbon Cutting was in August. The Amphitheater has already hosted two productions in the new facility, “Music Man” and “Carousel.”
- Finalized construction of the outdoor exercise area, six pickleball courts and the bridge connecting the two. We are excited to have these additions to the park.



Murray City Park Pickleball Courts

- Murray hosted the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Climbing Championship in Murray Park. Several of our arborists participated and placed in the competition.
- Provided the Family Health & Safety Fair on August 21. Many of our departments were involved and provided fun and informative events for those attending. This is an annual event, if you missed it, start watching for information next August.
- Road construction and water department crews have worked on Wesley Road, Lori Way, Sanford Drive, Hillside/Brahma Drives, Rainbow Drive, Topowa Way and the Walden Ridge neighborhood. Some of these projects are continuing, but the crews have a very busy summer in the hot summer heat.
- The outdoor pool is now closed, but there were over 13,000 people who used it per month during the summer months. The Park Center was closed for two weeks for maintenance work and cleaning.

- Our Recorder's Office processes passport applications and renewals. They have been extremely busy this summer.

This list is just a small snippet of what has been accomplished this summer. We can all be proud of the quality and amount of work completed by our employees; our employees are the very best. It is our hope that you have had some time this summer to enjoy family and friends and "make hay while the sun shines."